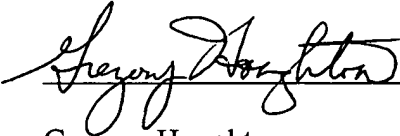


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Reply is submitted pursuant to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, to which a Reply is due February 24, 2004. Reconsideration of the present rejections and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested. Claims 1-15 are under consideration.